



Citizen Academy

for Residents of Goodyear
and Litchfield Park

Fall 2009
September 10 – November 12

Enroll in this fun and
interactive series of classes
designed to explore the
inner workings of your
city government.

Session Meeting Locations

Goodyear City Hall
190 N. Litchfield Rd.
(southwest corner of Van Buren Street and Litchfield Road)

Venida Business Park
(Van Buren Street, west of Litchfield Road)
Public Safety Administration – 175 N. 145th Ave.
Goodyear Justice Center – 185 N. 145th Ave.
Planning & Zoning – 195 N. 145th Ave.

Goodyear Fire Station 181
14000 W. Yuma Rd.
(Yuma Road/Western Avenue, west of Litchfield Road)

City of Goodyear Public Works & Water Resources Administration Facility
4980 S. 157th Ave.
(south of MC85, west of Estrella Parkway)

The Citizen Academy is presented
through a partnership between the
cities of Goodyear and Litchfield Park.



For more information,
call 623-882-7800 (for Goodyear residents)
or 623-935-9040 (for Litchfield Park residents)
or visit www.goodyearaz.gov

About Citizen Academy

City government touches us all, every day – from the streets we drive on to the clean water that fills the bathtub. The trash and recyclables disappear from the curb each week and help is just a 9-1-1 call away in an emergency. But, exactly how does your city operate? And how can you contribute to its success?

The **Citizen Academy** provides an interesting perspective into the workings of Goodyear and Litchfield Park. By attending these interactive and informative workshops, you will gain valuable knowledge that will prepare you to become a more active member of the community.

- Have you ever been curious about the local people and factors that determine how your tax dollars are spent?
- Have you wondered how to present an issue or opinion at your city council meeting?
- Have you thought you might like to serve on a citizen committee or volunteer time in the decision-making processes of your city?

If so, the **Citizen Academy** is for you!

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Academy Schedule

September 10, Thursday, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Session I: How does my local government work?

Meet and greet with mayors and councilmembers, learn about the mayor-city manager form of government and how cities conduct business.

Venida Business Park, Goodyear Justice Center,
185 N. 145th Ave.

September 17, Thursday, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Session II: Follow the money

Learn how your city generates revenues and handles expenditures.

Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., room 230

September 24, Thursday, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Session III: Building a vision and how that competes with “NIMBY” (Not In My Backyard)

This session discusses balancing business needs, developers and citizens.

Venida Business Park, Planning & Zoning conference room,
Building D, 195 N. 145th Ave.

October 1, Thursday, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Session IV: Service to the public

All about serving on citizen committees and commissions.
Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., room 117

October 8, Thursday, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Session V: Neighborhood and Citizen Voices – Why should I get involved?

How neighborhoods, HOAs, and government work together.
Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., room 117

October 15, Thursday, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Session VI: Water/Wastewater, Public Works, Roads, Traffic, Sanitation and Recycling

Public Works & Water Resources Facility, 4980 S. 157th Ave.

October 22, Thursday, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Session VII: Public Safety – Police Department

This session includes a k-9 demonstration and tour of the mobile command center.

Venida Business Park, Public Safety Administration
conference room, Building E, 175 N. 145th Ave.

October 24, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Session VIII: Envisioning the Future – Tour of the Cities

Take a guided tour of the cities' parks and facilities and learn what is on the horizon.

Gather at Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd.,
for continental breakfast and briefing.

October 29, Thursday, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Session IX: Public Safety – Fire Department

This session includes dinner with the firefighters and a tour of the fire station.

Goodyear Fire Station 181, 14000 W. Yuma Rd.

November 3, Tuesday, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Session X: Hidden Jewels of the City

This session examines city departments and divisions that are often unnoticed but provide critical services to staff and residents such as Communications, City Prosecutor, and Code Compliance.

Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., room 117

November 12, Thursday, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Session XI: My tax dollars are doing what?

This session explains tax base, federal funds, economic development, and regional partnerships. Mayors and councilmembers will present graduation certificates.

Venida, Goodyear Justice Center, 185 N. 145th Ave.

Citizen Academy Registration Form

The **Citizen Academy** is open to residents and business owners in the cities of Goodyear and Litchfield Park.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____

I am a resident (or business owner) in:

Goodyear _____ Litchfield Park _____ Since: _____

I signed up for the **Citizen Academy** because: _____

Registration fee: \$40 per participant.
Please make checks payable to City of Goodyear.
Please send this registration form and payment to:

City of Goodyear – City Manager's Office
190 N. Litchfield Rd.
Goodyear, AZ 85338

or

Litchfield Park City Hall
214 W. Wigwam Blvd.
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

or

register online at: www.goodyearaz.gov